### PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARDS\*

These savings tools have become increasingly popular to help cut the cost of prescription drugs. **Reminder: If you take medications** from more than one company, you may qualify under different card programs. You may join more than one card program.

What Is It?

#### Who Qualifies?

**How Do I Get It?** 

#### \*\*Pfizer Share Card



Offers a 30-day supply of any Pfizer prescription medicines for a flat fee of \$15 per drug per month. Drugs include Lipitor, Norvasc, Zoloft, Zyrtec, and Acricept. Accepted by Rite Aid pharmacies. People 65 years and older and people with disabilities who have Medicare, are without prescription insurance, and are not enrolled in or eligible for Medicaid or any other prescription benefit program. Annual gross income cannot exceed \$18,000 for individuals or \$24,000 for couples.

To apply, call **1-800-717-6005** anytime.

Website:

www.pfizerforliving.com

#### \*\*GlaxoSmithKline Orange Card



Offers 30% to 40% off the price of GSK medicines, including Advair, Avandia, Lanoxin, Paxil, Wellbutrin, Coreg, Serevent, Flonase nasal spray, Imitrex, and Miacalcin. Accepted by Rite Aid pharmacies.

People 65 years and older and people with disabilities who have Medicare and are without prescription insurance. Income cannot exceed \$30,000 for individuals or \$40,000 for couples.

To apply, call consumer affairs at **1-888-825-5249**.

#### \*\*LillyAnswers Card



Offers a 30-day supply of any Eli Lilly and Co. outpatient medicine for a flat fee of \$12 per drug per month. Drugs include Evista, Humulin, Humalog, Prozac, and Zyprexa. Accepted by Rite Aid pharmacies.

People 65 years and older and people with disabilities who have Medicare and are without prescription coverage. Income must be below \$18,000 for individuals or \$24,000 for couples.

To apply, call **1-877-795-4559** anytime.

Website:

www.lillyanswers.com

#### \*\*Together Rx Card

(Eight major pharmaceutical companies joined forming card) Abbot Laboratories, AstraZeneca, Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Novartis, OrthoMcNeil



Offers cost cuts on more than 150 medicines from different companies. Each company sets its discounts, with a minimum 15% off the average wholesale price. Enrollment is free. People 65 years and older who are without prescription coverage. Must be on Medicare. Income cannot exceed \$28,000 for individuals or \$38,000 for couples.

To apply, call **1-800-865-7211** anytime.

#### Website:

#### www.together-rx.com

Consumers may check prices on prescription medicines.

## Wayne County Prescription Discount Program

Offers discounts of 5% to 30% off the cost of prescription medications at any of the more than 4,100 participating CVS/pharmacies nationwide. This FREE program is designed to assist seniors who have no co-pay coverage (if you have a deductible, but no co-pay, you still qualify). Wayne County residents 60 years and older who are without prescription coverage. The discount begins the month of your 60th birthday.

To apply, call **313-833-3450**, weekdays or call **1-800-777-1023**, weekdays: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sundays: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### **AARP Pharmacy Services Card**



Discounts range from about 15% off the price of brand name prescription medicines to 50% off generics at 47,000 pharmacies nationwide and by mail. The card costs \$15 annually for members.

Anybody 50 years and older can join AARP for \$12.50 per year. For those already enrolled in AARP's Options Program, the card is free.

To apply, call **1-800-305-6992**.

#### Website:

#### www.aarppharmacy.com

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## State Senator Raymond E. Basham – He Cares About Your Health

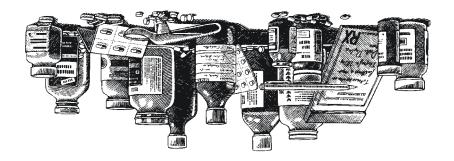
<sup>\*</sup> Sources: Detroit Free Press, Wayne County, Eli Lilly and Co., GlaxoSmithKline, Novartis, Pfizer, Together Rx, Rite Aid Foundation, and AARP.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Pharmaceutical Companies that belong to the Prescription Drug Patient Assistance Programs.

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# www.rxhope.com

This website, sponsored by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, offers consumers, patient advocates, and physicians a database of programs that provide discounted or free medicines.

#### www.rxaminer.com

For \$10 per year, consumers can get information comparing the cost of their prescription medicines with generic options.

#### www.rxassist.org

This website, sponsored by Volunteers in Health Care, offers consumers, patient advocates, and physicians a database of programs that provide discounted or free medicines.

#### www.aaa1c.org

This website is sponsored by The Senior Alliance Area Agency on Aging 1-C.

(Open for more information)



Dear Neighbors,

We all have been reading about seniors who have no insurance coverage for prescription drugs. People should not have to choose between paying for groceries and rent, or getting a prescription filled. While politicians wrangle in Congress and in Lansing to find a solution addressing access to

much needed prescription drugs, I want to give you some information about help that you can get today.

Enclosed is a listing of prescription drug discount cards that are available to all that qualify. Each card has specific requirements. Review your medications to determine what pharmaceutical company manufactures your drug(s). Find the company on the chart and contact them to learn about their program. If you are on more than one medication from different manufacturers, and you qualify under separate programs, you may access more than one card program.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions about accessing these cards.

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